

Abstract**A MECHANISM FOR CONTROLLING IF/WHEN MATERIAL CAN BE
PRINTED ON A SPECIFIC PRINTER**

5 A secure print system comprises a sending computer entity and a plurality
of receiving entities, each capable of decrypting and printing a specified number
of copies of a document. The sending computer entity and the plurality of
receiving devices are each pre-registered with each other by means of unique
device identification number, which is embedded in inaccessible hardware,
10 firmware or software components at the point of manufacture, linking the sending
computer entity and the plurality of receiving devices. The receiving devices,
after decrypting a received message, print a specified number of copies only,
before deleting the electronic data from which the document copies have been
printed.

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